

**REMARKS**

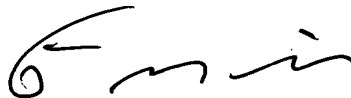
By the present Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 24-27 to further clarify the invention. Claims 1-29 remain pending in the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-29 are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of such claims is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. 500.40610X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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